



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES DAY FEBRUARY 20, 2021

- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland recognizes the courage, sacrifice, and relentless efforts of civil rights and abolition leaders throughout history and reaffirms our commitment to be a land of opportunity, hope, and justice for every citizen; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The contributions of the nation's civil rights leaders transcend race, nationality, and religion, and their message of human rights and equality continues to resonate throughout the world today; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is the birthplace of countless individuals who have been nationally and internationally recognized for their advocacy for the equal treatment of all people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *February 20th was the day of passing of Frederick Douglass, commonly referred to as the "Father of America's Civil Rights Movement," and the State of Maryland is committed to promoting his life and legacy which continue to live on through the tireless efforts of all who demonstrate a willingness to serve in whatever capacity necessary to promote equal opportunity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The citizens of Maryland have displayed an unwavering dedication to keeping the spirit of the countless civil rights champions through their efforts to build more equal and inclusive communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 20, 2021 as CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES DAY in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 20th day of February
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State